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“These virtues do not have ineffable meaning, but offer a sense of morality-a way to be, and a way to behave, as a member of the human family.”

Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Kingdom of Jordan on being Muslim



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- Drudge Report
- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
- Huffington Post
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- ProPublica
- Homeland Security Today
- Washington Post
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- Washington Times
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Dedication to Bob Lay

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20120112/NEWS01/301120037/Space-Coast-mourns-our-absolute-rock->

This edition of the Emergency Manager's Weekly Report is dedicated to Bob Lay. Bob was the Director of Brevard County, FL Office of Emergency Management. He died on Wednesday, January 11th of an apparent heart attack.

He was a great friend, colleague and a force within the Florida emergency management community. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him!

A viewing will be held at Beach Funeral Home, 1689 South Patrick Drive, Indian Harbour Beach on Monday, January 16 from 5 to 8 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1053 Pinetree Drive, Indian Harbour Beach on Tuesday, January 17 at 3:30 p.m.



In case of overflow crowds, accommodations are being made to broadcast the service in the church parking lot, where a tent and seating will be provided. Mourners will be directed to park at the Shoppers World plaza at A1A and Pinetree Drive, and will be shuttled to the service.

Memorial tributes, in lieu of flowers, may be directed to the following charitable organizations:

- Ascension Lutheran Church, 1053 Pinetree Drive, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937
- Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, 4087 US Highway 1, Suite 3, Rockledge, FL 32955
- Aging Matters in Brevard for Meals on Wheels, 3600 W. King Street, Cocoa, FL 32926

Cards or letters of condolences for the family can be sent to the Brevard County EM Office in care of the Lay Family at 1746 Cedar Street, Rockledge, FL 32955.

FEMA Administrator Statement on Passing of Florida Emergency Manager Bob Lay
<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=60298>

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Executive Summary

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

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A Culture of Planning: How to Know if the Shoe Fits

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Culture-of-Planning-10-Characteristics.html>

Emergency Management Director Releases Outline for Better Disaster Planning (Connecticut)

<http://www.ctnow.com/news/hc-emergency-management-director-releases-outline-for-better-disaster-planning-20120103,0,7199542.story?track=rss>

Ohio Officials Putting In Place Earthquake Preparedness Plans

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2012/01/04/ohio-officials-putting-in-place-earthquake-preparedness-plans/>

Crisis Management: The Real Test of a Brand in the Social Media Space?

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/marketshare/2012/01/05/crisis-management-the-real-test-of-a-brand-in-the-social-media-space/>

Nashua center prepares residents for predictions of world end, life changes, in 2012 (New Hampshire)

<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/945833-196/nashua-center-prepares-residents-for-predictions-of.html?CSAuthResp=1234::23378:3:24:success:C2775D5F64B13047EA604EE4D0E3C2EA>

The women of Katrina: how gender, race, and class matter in an American disaster

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=24524&a=email>

Officials Apply Ind. Fair's Lessons to Super Bowl

<http://abcnews.go.com/Sports/wireStory/officials-apply-ind-fairs-lessons-super-bowl-15307013#.TweaRHrurs4>

Brave new world of weaponry

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/brave-new-world-of-weaponry/2012/01/04/gIQA4dIMbP_story.html?hpid=z11

Dozens of soldiers on lockdown over missing military equipment

http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/08/us/washington-missing-base-equipment/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Assemblyman tried to bring loaded gun on airplane, police say (California)

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/california-politics/2012/01/california-legislator-gun-airplane.html>

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Did Pentagon leak for Bin Laden movie?

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/theoval/post/2012/01/pentagon-bin-laden-movie-leak/1>

U.S. expels Venezuelan diplomat in Miami

http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/08/us/venezuela-consul/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Police say Colorado bomb that hurt 2 was in paper bag

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45919426/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/

Man accused of plotting Fla. bombings

<http://m.usatoday.com/article/news/52466292>

Animal rights group claims credit for Calif. arson

<http://news.yahoo.com/animal-rights-group-claims-credit-calif-arson-010516001.html>

Homeland Security watches Twitter, social media

<http://news.yahoo.com/homeland-security-watches-twitter-social-media-183721483.html>

Feds find failures in Cook Co. homeland security project (Illinois)

<http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/9853704-418/feds-find-failures-in-cook-co-homeland-security-project-from-start-to-end.html>

Report: Inconsistent Policies May Be Holding Fusion Centers Back (Page 14)

Parents question lethal force on 8th-grader with pellet gun (Texas)

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-01-04/texas-student-shot/52379064/1>

Suspected 'bottle bombs' found at Valencia (Florida)

http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/crime/os-valenica-explosive-search-20120109_0,6702061.story

VIDEO: MIT CONSTRUCTS OLD-AGE-SIMULATOR SUIT TO MAKE YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL ELDERLY

<http://www.popsoci.com/technology/article/2012-01/video-mit-constructs-old-age-suit-make-young-people-feel-terribleold>

Wildfires on Blackfeet Res. force evacuations (Montana)

<http://www.homeland1.com/evacuation/articles/1214115-Wildfires-on-Blackfeet-Res-force-evacuations/>

WA coastal county prepares for tsunami debris

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2017167203_apwatsunamiflotsam.html?syndication=rss

Dealing with the Drought

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/dealing-with-the-drought/1b167935a31e6a76fe095aad3960b3a1.html>

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Ice stops progress of Alaska fuel convoy

http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2012/01/11/ice-stops-progress-of-alaska-fuel-convoy/?hpt=hp_t3

Avoiding fracking earthquakes - Expensive venture

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=24467&a=email>

Topography played key role in Deepwater Horizon disaster, researchers say

<http://www.physorg.com/news/2012-01-topography-key-role-deepwater-horizon.html>

Was North Carolina hit by rare winter tornado?

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Latest-News-Wires/2012/0112/Was-North-Carolina-hit-by-rare-winter-tornado>

New York City Completes Major 911 System Overhaul

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/New-York-City-Completes-Major-911-System-Overhaul.html>

Park Rangers: The Unsung Heroes

<http://www.lawofficer.com/article/below-100/park-rangers-unsung-heroes>

City police find new challenges as small-town chiefs

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-01-06/small-town-police-chief/52506888/1>

Rape, homelessness, cholera hound Haiti 2 yrs after quake –IOM

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/rape-homelessness-cholera-hound-haiti-2-yrs-after-quake-iom/>

Aid group thinks it found first Haiti cholera case

<http://news.yahoo.com/aid-group-thinks-found-first-haiti-cholera-case-220649755.html>

Twitter helps track cholera spread in Haiti

<http://www.newscientist.com/blogs/onepercent/2012/01/twitter-updates-help-track-hai.html>

Children of Haiti: two years after

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=24541&a=email>

Anonymous exposes German neo-Nazis

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45873366/ns/technology_and_science-security/

North Korea military strategy superior, says think-tank

<http://news.yahoo.com/north-korea-military-grows-stronger-says-think-tank-061254509.html>

Israel bans 12 Jewish extremists from West Bank

<http://news.yahoo.com/israel-bans-12-jewish-extremists-west-bank-104339073.html>

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Iran trumpets nuclear ability at second location

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45922105/ns/world_news-the_new_york_times/

Catholics defy terror warning at Philippine parade

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2012-01-09/philippines-terror-threat/52463442/1>

On the record with ... Keni Rienks

<http://www.nwherald.com/2012/01/07/on-the-record-with-keni-rienks/a6bwsqh/>

How threat of loose Soviet nukes was avoided

<http://news.yahoo.com/threat-loose-soviet-nukes-avoided-132845563.html>

Pirate attacks around Horn of Africa sliced nearly in half

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2012-01-10/somali-pirate-attacks-drop/52503928/1>

Hacker war between Israeli, Saudi escalates

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45960622/ns/technology_and_science-security/

2011 was costliest year in world disasters

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/news/extremes/story/2012-01-04/world-disasters-costliest-earthquake-tsunami/52377642/1>

WHO Issues Warning About Publication of Bird Flu Study Details

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/who-issues-warning-about-publication-of-bird-flu-study-details/cd213ed351fac15a61494e9c6d3f9df9.html>

Claim and Counterclaim: Who Is Bombing Damascus? (Syria)

http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2103904,00.html?hpt=hp_t3

U.S. ship rescues Iranian fishermen—again

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/envoy/u-ship-rescues-iranian-fishermen-again-174041301.html>

Syria's Assad vows to strike with 'iron fist' against uprising

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world_now/2012/01/syria-bashar-assad-strike-with-iron-fist.html

Disunited kingdom? Scotland to vote on severing UK ties

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45953869/ns/world_news-europe/

Kremlin's photo-doctoring backfires big time (Russia)

<http://worldblog.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/01/10/10097709-kremlins-photo-doctoring-backfires-big-time>

The Pacific's threatened islands

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=24506&pid:50>

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Has climate change 'blocked' the next ice age?

<http://news.yahoo.com/climate-change-blocked-next-ice-age-080000404.html>

Israel: 'Comprehensive national plan of action to adapt to climate changes'

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=24559&pid:50>

Can Local Governments Keep South Florida above the Tide?

http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=local-governments-south-florida-above-tide&WT.mc_id=SA_Facebook

Ocean waves power a prototype generator in Newport Beach (California)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-the-wedge-electric-20120109,0,1686759.story>

Sunflowers inspire improved solar power plant

http://futureoftech.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/01/11/10118661-sunflowers-inspire-improved-solar-power-plant

Report on the Two Storm Panel (Connecticut)

http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloys/lib/malloys/two_storm_panel_final_report.pdf

Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients: Recommendations of the National Expert Panel on Field Triage, 2011

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6101a1.htm?s_cid=rr6101a1_e

Report of the United Nations in Haiti 2011

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=24579&a=email>

FEMA Blog, There's an App for That

<http://blog.fema.gov/2011/10/theres-app-for-that.html>

Nate Garvis: Change our culture, change our world- Video

http://www.ted.com/talks/nate_garvis_change_our_culture_change_our_world.html?awesm=on.ted.com_NateGarvis&utm_campaign=&utm_medium=on.ted.com-static&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_content=awesm-publisher

FEMA QuakeSmart Toolkit

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/earthquake/qstoolkit/index.shtm>

Interim Haiti Recovery Commission Website

<http://en.cirh.ht/>

Haiti Heals: Making Progress & Facing Challenges- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1W1AdB-KVc&feature=youtu.be>

Rep. Bilirakis Demands Answers from FEMA on Sno-Cone Machines- Letter

http://bilirakis.house.gov/images/stories/letter-GMB_to_Fugate-snoconeurchase.pdf

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Recordings of January 11th EMForum.org Program Now Available -- Presidential Policy Directive 8
www.emforum.org

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

Chicago Emergency Center Designed for Mass Casualties (Illinois)

<http://www.jems.com/article/news/chicago-emergency-center-designed-mass-c>

A Culture of Planning: How to Know if the Shoe Fits

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Culture-of-Planning-10-Characteristics.html>

Emergency Management Director Releases Outline for Better Disaster Planning (Connecticut)

<http://www.ctnow.com/news/hc-emergency-management-director-releases-outline-for-better-disaster-planning-20120103,0,7199542.story?track=rss>

RI Gov. names new emergency management chief

http://www.boston.com/news/local/rhode_island/articles/2012/01/06/ri_gov_names_new_emergency_management_chief/

Emergency operations center named in honor of Gov. Barbour (Mississippi)

<http://www.wlox.com/story/16454757/emergency-operations-center-named-in-honor-of-gov-barbour>

Louisiana to aid Virginia with Hurricane Irene recovery efforts

<http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20120104/NEWS01/120104018/-1/rss01>

Ohio Officials Putting In Place Earthquake Preparedness Plans

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2012/01/04/ohio-officials-putting-in-place-earthquake-preparedness-plans/>

Crisis Management: The Real Test of a Brand in the Social Media Space?

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Nashua center prepares residents for predictions of world end, life changes, in 2012 (New Hampshire)

<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/945833-196/nashua-center-prepares-residents-for-predictions-of.html?CSAuthResp=1234::23378:3:24:success:C2775D5F64B13047EA604EE4D0E3C2EA>

Cruise ships revive New Orleans' port (Louisiana)

<http://travel.usatoday.com/cruises/story/2012-01-08/Cruise-ships-revive-New-Orleans-port/52458782/1>

Quake preparedness consultant seeks to save homes (California)

http://articles.sfgate.com/2012-01-03/entertainment/30583186_1_mudsill-hayward-fault-floor-joists

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The women of Katrina: how gender, race, and class matter in an American disaster
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/publications/v.php?id=24524&a=email>
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Officials Apply Ind. Fair's Lessons to Super Bowl
<http://abcnews.go.com/Sports/wireStory/officials-apply-ind-fairs-lessons-super-bowl-15307013#.TweaRHrurs4>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

Obama plans to cut tens of thousands of ground troops

<http://news.yahoo.com/obama-help-unveil-realistic-military-plan-205247377.html>

Brave new world of weaponry

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/brave-new-world-of-weaponry/2012/01/04/gIQA4dIMbP_story.html?hpid=z11

When a dog isn't a dog

http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2012/01/06/when-a-dog-isnt-a-dog/?hpt=hp_c2

'No Chance' Secret X-37B Space Plane Spying on China Module: Expert

<http://news.yahoo.com/no-chance-secret-x-37b-space-plane-spying-231707134.html>

Hackers hit Stratfor again, but this time just for laughs

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45906419/ns/technology_and_science-security/

Dozens of soldiers on lockdown over missing military equipment

http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/08/us/washington-missing-base-equipment/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Assemblyman tried to bring loaded gun on airplane, police say (California)

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/california-politics/2012/01/california-legislator-gun-airplane.html>

Did Pentagon leak for Bin Laden movie?

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/theoval/post/2012/01/pentagon-bin-laden-movie-leak/1>

U.S. expels Venezuelan diplomat in Miami

http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/08/us/venezuela-consul/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Police say Colorado bomb that hurt 2 was in paper bag

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45919426/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/

DEA helped Colombian drug trafficker launder cash, new report reveals

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/envoy/documents-reveal-undercover-dea-operation-targeting-colombian-cocaine-212342503.html>

14 Coast Guard cadets dismissed for using fake pot 'Spice'

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/01/14-coast-guard-cadets-dismissed-for-using-fake-pot-spice/1>

Man accused of plotting Fla. bombings

<http://m.usatoday.com/article/news/52466292>

Eco-terrorist occupies 50-foot tree (Oregon)- Video

http://www.cnn.com/video/?hpt=hp_c2#/video/us/2012/01/09/dnt-eco-activist-climb.kptv

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Ex-GI charged with trying to aid Somalia's Shabab

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/envoy/u-soldier-charged-trying-aid-somalia-shabab-163419652.html>

Animal rights group claims credit for Calif. arson

<http://news.yahoo.com/animal-rights-group-claims-credit-calif-arson-010516001.html>

Marines: Video shows troops urinating on corpses

<http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/01/11/10120072-marines-video-shows-troops-urinating-on-corpses>

Why America's Spies Struggle To Keep Up

<http://www.npr.org/2012/01/11/144322791/why-americas-spies-struggle-to-keep-up?sc=fb&cc=fp>

Ex-congressman gets year over links to defunct Islamic charity

<http://news.yahoo.com/ex-congressman-gets-over-links-defunct-islamic-charity-051102159.html>

Homeland Security watches Twitter, social media

<http://news.yahoo.com/homeland-security-watches-twitter-social-media-183721483.html>

Feds find failures in Cook Co. homeland security project (Illinois)

<http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/9853704-418/feds-find-failures-in-cook-co-homeland-security-project-from-start-to-end.html>

Report: Inconsistent Policies May Be Holding Fusion Centers Back

By Rob Margetta, CQ Staff

The fusion centers designed to improve intelligence sharing between state and local agencies and their federal partners still face communication hurdles, including developing awareness about the capabilities and missions at state-run emergency operations centers, according to a new report.

"Officials at Fusion Centers and Emergency Operations Centers we visited were not always aware of each others' roles, capabilities, and information needs," said an evaluation by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) inspector general's office. "In some areas, these officials had limited or no interaction, which could hinder response to natural or man-made disasters."

The report noted that standardizing policies has proven difficult at fusion centers, which receive federal money but are owned and operated by the states. The federal government has developed guidelines for fusion center operations, but they often go unused. The report said that at 83 percent of the fusion centers auditors visited, officials either did not use the guidelines or were unaware they existed.

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The inconsistencies extend to fusion centers' basic mission parameters. While the federal government has advocated centers that take an all-hazards approach, some fusion centers limit their focus to crimes and counterterrorism. The report said in cases where the latter approach is employed, fusion centers often omit emergency management input from their policies, possibly limiting their usefulness in disaster situations. They may also have only limited cooperation with emergency operations centers, state-run offices that coordinate information and resources for on-scene operations during disasters.

Fusion centers that take an all-hazards approach have seen several benefits, but the federal government can't force counterterrorism-focused offices to make the switch.

"DHS does not have the authority to compel them to take either an all-crimes or an all-hazards approach," the report said.

As of June, DHS did not track the approaches centers use, but that information will be included in fiscal 2011 homeland security grant applications, the report said

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